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Grade Level Fifth Grade

Readability Level

Course / Content Reading

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Content

Teacher's Editions provide systematic, explicit skills instruction built on quality literature selections necessary for teaching critical reading and writing skills and strategies.

Student Experiences

Students will participate and respond to systematic, explicit instruction through a variety of activities. When preparing to read, students will develop phonemic awareness and knowledge of sounds and letters. While listening, reading, and responding to authentic literature, students will learn a variety of comprehension strategies and skills through teacher modeling. Students learn how to generate questions and find answers through the explicit teaching of Inquiry and Investigation strategies. Through language arts and writing, students are explicitly taught spelling; vocabulary; writing process strategies; writer's craft; grammar, usage, and mechanics; listening, speaking, and viewing; and penmanship.

Assessment

Continuous assessment provides a variety of useful techniques and opportunities to assess students both informally and formally. Informal assessments include Rubrics, corresponding with specific skill masteries following the Lesson Planner pages within the Teacher Edition. Formal assessments are done periodically to offer teachers the opportunity to gauge progress on multiple skills. In the Program Assessment book, a Pretest at the beginning of the year guides and informs instruction, and a Midyear Test and Post-test give teachers an opportunity to monitor students' progress. Unit Assessments monitor students' understanding of phonics, comprehension, and language arts. Diagnostic Assessment provides more focus assessment opportunities to aid in individualizing instruction. Test Preparation and Practice Workbooks help teachers prepare their students for standardized tests, such as Terra Nova, SAT/9, and ITBS.

Organization

Each TE contains one unit. The unit begins with a comprehensive overview of the unit concepts and theme as well as the skills and strategies taught throughout the unit. Each lesson is divided into three parts. Part 1 contains instruction for the phonemic awareness and phonics portion. Part 2 focuses on comprehension. Part 3 incorporates the Language Arts portion of the lesson. Crosscurricular connections are integrated within the unit overviews and throughout the individual lessons. The teaching objectives and materials needed are included at point of use. Miniatures of program components are also provided at point of use. The Program Appendix contains explicit explanations of all parts of the program philosophy and instructional routines.

Resource Materials

Teacher Read Alouds are sets of trade books used for theme/unit introduction. Diagnostic Assessment provides focused assessment opportunities to aid in individualizing instruction. Home Connections are BLM that teachers can send home to keep parents up

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Available Ancillary Materials

Teacher Editions provide the information necessary for teaching systematic, explicit skills instruction centered around quality literature selections. There are six thematic units. Student Anthologies are collections of literature organized by themes. T

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations:

Abundance of materials provide for all learning styles, supplimental cassettes and CD disc allow for multi groupings and diversifyng the curriculum within the units. Cross curricular ties a real bonus, multiple ability investigations allow for retention of passages, comprehension questions different tiered for level of reader. Very colorful and inviting. Easy to follow scope and sequence of themed units. Teacher's edition full of multiple opportunities for readers to achieve. Level of vocabulary in passages adequate and intriguing. Excellent listening tapes for follow-up after assesment. Assessment instrument well devised and concise.

Summary Form

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READING CONTENT
WRITING CONTENT
GRAMMAR AND SPELLING
LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING
INQUIRY

TECHNOLOGY CONTENT AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

Well done in incorporating the arts strand.

AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS
FORMAT
ANCILLARY MATERIALS